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photochemotherapy (PCT). PCT is a method of treating human diseases and disorders, bacteriological indications and other patho-
logical conditions. PCT is based on the topical or systemic application of a photosensitizing agent, a precursor or pro-drug thereof,
which preferentially accumulates in the target tissue. Irradiation of the photosensitizing agent located in the target tissue with elec-
tromagnetic radiation of an appropriate wavelength and the interaction of the thus excited photosensitive moiety with oxygen leads
to tissue damage and destruction of the irradiated areas.